training institute. Necessary approval for upgradation of infrastructure at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) has also been conveyed to IGRUA. Government also encourages private parties to set up flying training centres subject to availability of infrastructure.

(c) There are 42 flying training institutes/clubs/schools in the country of which 26 are operational. 15 of these are under Government and 11 are run by private enterprises.

Setting up of International airport at Greater Noida

297. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an International Airport at Greater Noida (U.P.);

(b) whether the Central Government have received any formal proposal from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to this effect and whether any site has been identified by State Gvoernment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the expected time for coming up of the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF **CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI** PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) A proposal has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh to set an International airport near Jewar, Gautam Buddha Nagar District for which a site has been identified by the State Government.

(c) The project is under examination.

Development of infrastructure for expanding aviation sector

298. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of **CIVIL** AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that aviation sector is on the threshold of unprecedented expansion but the infrastructure therefor is unable to keep pace with the demand;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to develop necessary infrastructure to meet the demand early along with releasing the funds therefor; and

(c) The details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already initiated various measures to develop Airport and Air Navigation Services (ANS) infrastructure to meet the growing demand of the aviation sector. The capacity of terminals and aprons are being increased. Runways are being strengthened and their lengths are being increased wherever necessary ANS infrastructure is being upgraded and modernized. AAI spent Rs. 3,535 crores during the Tenth Plan (2002-07) on these